



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 16, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing Miami-Dade
County's participation in U.S. Cool
Counties Program and its goals and
objectives including the Climate
Stabilization Declaration

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Natacha Seijas.



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Please note any items checked.

- _____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- _____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- _____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- _____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- _____ Budget required
- _____ Statement of fiscal impact required
- _____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- _____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- _____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- _____ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-16-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ENDORSING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S
PARTICIPATION IN U.S. COOL COUNTIES PROGRAM AND
ITS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES INCLUDING THE CLIMATE
STABILIZATION DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has been an active participant in the development of the goals and objectives of the U.S. Cool Counties Program; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has expressed its commitment to addressing the challenge of global climate change by joining the Chicago Climate Exchange and agreeing to contractual carbon emission reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, an official advisory board, the Climate Change Advisory Task Force (CCATF), has been established to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding actions to be taken by this government to further reduce carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, adaptation strategies are also being formulated by the CCATF for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, professional staff have been developing a Climate Change Action Plan to identify the current local commitment of resources and clearly indicate the great need for federal assistance to make this community resilient; and

WHEREAS, the initiatives taken by Miami-Dade County are completely in accord with the goals and objectives of the U.S. Cool Counties Program; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the U.S. Cool Counties Program, Miami-Dade County agrees with the Climate Stabilization Declaration and reaffirms its commitment to: reducing the County's contributions to climate change through operational efficiencies; demonstrating regional leadership to achieve climate stabilization; helping our local community to become climate resilient; and seeking assistance from the federal government to support our efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Program calls for 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 including a reduction of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration is an important joint initiative by local governments to combat global warming; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is proud to join King County, Washington; Nassau County, New York; Cook County, Illinois; Fairfax County, Virginia, and all of the other original signatories to the Declaration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby endorses the participation of Miami-Dade County in the U.S. Cool Counties Program and its goals and objectives contained in the Climate Stabilization Declaration.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natacha Seijas. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

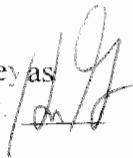
The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of December, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Henry N. Gillman